

Whatever Their Size, Carry Them

“Whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel’s will save it.” One who knew the meaning of Jesus’ words so well was Flannery O’Connor, the distinguished Catholic novelist who died in 1964 at the age of 39. From the age of 25 she lived with the knowledge she had a terminal disease, Lupus, – not to mention her sufferings from bone disintegration, shingles, anemia, and a tumor. Yet it was during fourteen years of sickness and suffering that she produced her greatest works of literary art. Her strong faith enabled her to say: “I have never been anywhere but sick. In a sense sickness is a place, more instructive than a long trip to Europe. Sickness before death is a very appropriate thing and I think those who don’t have it miss one of God’s mercies ...”

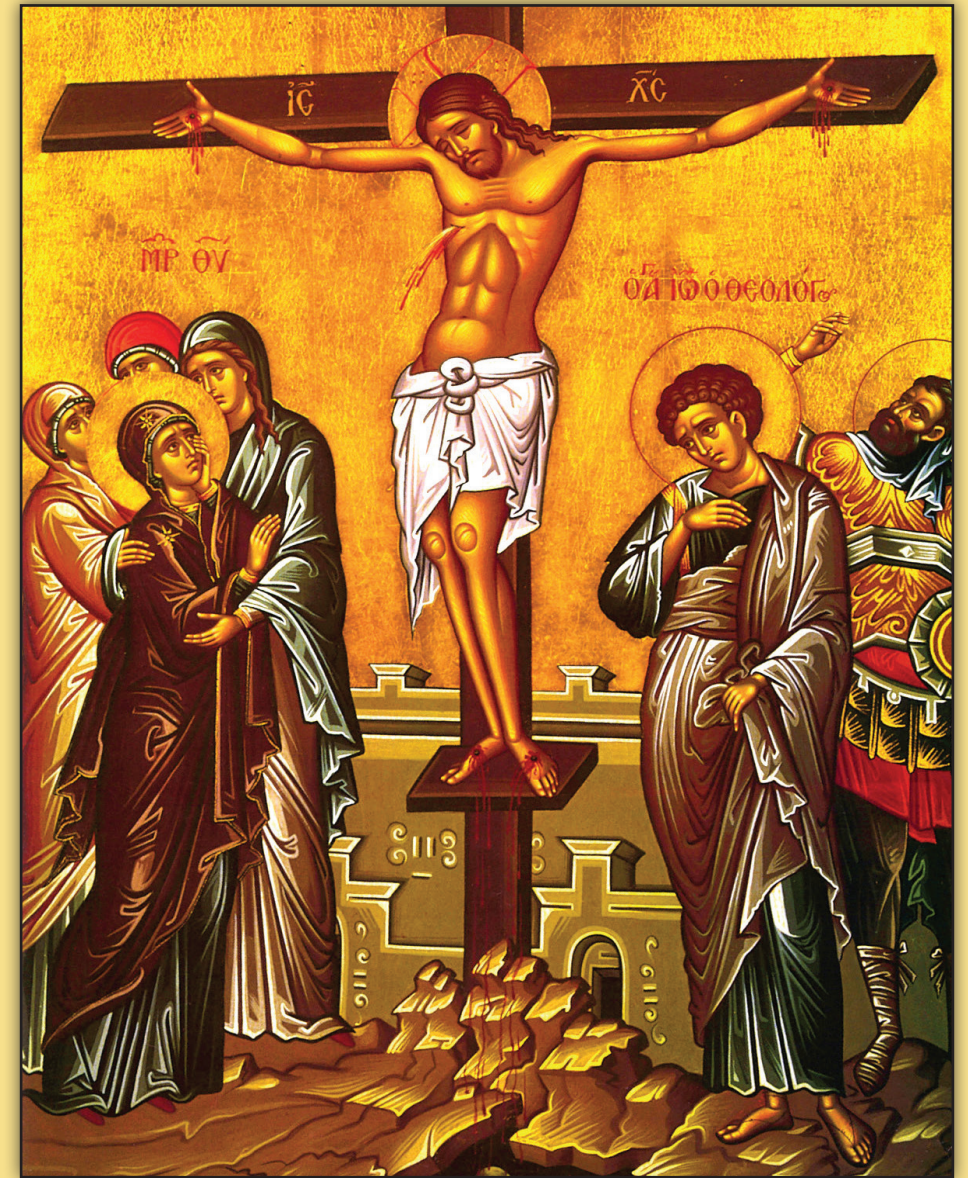
Those are strong words! How could a young woman call sickness one of God’s mercies? Yet Jesus’ words in the Gospel are just as strong: “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his

cross, and follow in my steps.”

In some way Flannery O’Connor was able to accept the cross of her sickness and follow in the Lord’s footsteps. But she didn’t do it with a nice sweet smile on her face. She did it with strong courage and conviction. She realized that her own sickness was the very thing that helped her to look at life around her with the eyes of faith; and to translate that life into literary pages that would win her international fame as a writer. Each one of us is called upon to carry a cross in our life at some time. For some it may be the cross of emotional or spiritual suffering, rather than physical suffering. Sometimes there are big crosses, sometimes small. Whatever their size, Jesus calls upon us to carry them.

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SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Crucifixion of Christ on the Cross

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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September 17, 2023

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

This Sunday: Epistle Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Next Sunday: Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 9/17

Parastas: +Mary Cornea and +Georgeta Barcutian by Craciun Family

Monday 9/18

No Liturgy

Tuesday 9/19

8:00am Liturgy: +Fr. Michael Kirila

Wednesday 9/20

8:00am Liturgy: H/S Vassa and +Anthony Delis-Parker

Thursday 9/21

8:00am Liturgy: H/S Ileana Hotiu – Happy Birthday!

Friday 9/22

8:00am Liturgy: +Jason Mowery

Saturday 9/23

No Liturgy

Sunday 9/24

10:00am Divine Liturgy: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Church Bulletin donated in September by Bob and Nancy Maciag.

Scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right-hand corner. The obligation to attend Liturgy for Holy Days and Sundays **In-Person** has been reinstated.

Coffee Hour in the Large Hall this week donated by the Craciun Family in loving memory of +Mary Cornea and +Georgeta Barcutian. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: September 10, 2023

Loose	\$4.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,025.00
Candles	<u>\$221.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,250.00</u>

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock	Del and Sandy
H/S Family	Nicu and Marcela Greavu
H/S Ileana, Nicusor and Angelica	Nicu and Marcela Greavu
H/S Children and Grandchildren	Walsh Family
H/S Terri Wilhite	Walsh Family
H/S Barbara Makuch and Robin Ofner	Walsh Family
Happy Birthday P-sa Gabriela Orian	Mark Botean
Health and salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea
Health and salvation	Ioan and Maria Marginean
+Georgeta, wife and +Mary Cornea	Liviu Barcutian
+Mary Cornea and +Georgeta Barcutian	Liviu and Mariana Greavu
+Mary Cornea and +Georgeta Barcutian	David and Mariana Irimies
Special Intention	Chrissy Traina
+Parents and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family

H/S Patricia Guidone, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Bob Maciag +Nikolai Zedzelensky H/S Zedzelensky Family +Parents and Family H/S Bob and Nancy Maciag Special Intention: Esther and Jim Dershaw +Otilia Gherman Tamas, cousin Special Intention: Madison's Graduate Studies and Golf Success	Chuck Roska Family Rebecca Walsh Rebecca Walsh Danny and Cyndi Ardelean Danny and Cyndi Ardelean Danny and Cyndi Ardelean Danny and Cyndi Ardelean Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
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Special Announcement:

Prayer requests: Bob Maciag, Ana Marie Wilson, Safe travels for Fr. Ovi and P-sa Gabi, Ann Fosnaught and Baby, Ukraine, Lopez Family, Zedzelensky Family, Ashley Hodkinson, Debbie Maier, Rose Maier, Ray Cockran, Beverly Campian, Mark Botean, Rose Karavolas, Tiffany McCormick, Mary Franchini, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksnyder, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Liviu Barcutian, Suzie Dragos, Virginia Rogers, Bob and Barbara Greavu and all who need our prayers.

Always in our prayers: Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Scott and Jaime Parker** in honor of our wedding anniversary.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Mircea Cristea**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Ana and William Galida** for Happy 50th Birthday Fr. Ovidiu and Happy Anniversary P-sa. Gabi and Fr. Ovi!!

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Ana and William Galida** for Happy Anniversary **Grete and Daniel Heatherly!**

Prescura for 2023: Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ana Heim, Grete Heatherly, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

Ann has **new office hours:** Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4pm. This will be for September 2023.

Thank you to Ana Heim-Galida for arranging the flowers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross!!

Would you be interested in 1, 2 or 3 of **the old cash registers**? See Ann or Emil if you would like any number of them. Please respond by September 19.

2023 Life Conference: the political, medical, moral and philosophical aspects of life. Saturday, September 30 at St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall in Marblehead, Ohio. Registration at 8:00 a.m. conference 9:00am to 5:00pm. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Tickets are \$60 per adult and \$30 per student. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 27. Call 419-626-0375 or email lifeconference2023@yahoo.com. Additional information at www.stmarymarblehead.com.

You're invited to the **Bridegroom's Banquet**, it is a benefit dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, on Saturday, November 4th, at the Astrodome Event Center in Parma, Ohio. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 16. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy the dinner, entertainment, and the evening the nuns and their guests. Watch the premiere of the nuns' new video which will complete the three-part series on property, chastity, and obedience. Learn more about and support the nuns in their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. For more information into register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org. with questions, call 440-834-0290.

Parish events

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30pm in the Small Hall. All members are requested to be there!

Carpathian Men's Club will meet on Sunday, September 24 at 6:00pm with a 5:30pm social time. All men of the parish are invited.

Announcing the Theology Power Hour: The second meeting of the study group reading and discussing *The Orthodox Church* by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware took place last Sunday, September 10. And even more people came to engage in the discussion of Chapter 1, "God as Mystery." Ben Sima led the discussion and distributed a printed outline for all to follow. We will continue discussing this book through the end of the year, meeting twice a month after the Sunday coffee hour (or around 2:00-3:00 PM). Depending on availability, we will meet either in the small hall or the big hall. The days currently scheduled are October 1 and 22, November 5 and 26, and **December 10** and 17 (please note date correction). The sessions will be included in the parish calendar distributed with the bulletin and available as a public calendar you can subscribe to on Google (search for "St. George Cathedral Calendar"). *You are welcome to join any time*, and there is no commitment involved other than your own desire to deepen your understanding of Byzantine Christianity, the Eastern Catholic Churches, and our liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sf. Maria Ladies Auxiliary present "**VIVA IL VINO**", an Italian wine and food pairing event. October 14, 2023. Your invitation is on the Narthex table.

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

Hemennah Parker – September 17th

Ileana Hotiu – September 18th

James Walsh – September 20th

Tickle Your Funny Bone:

A little girl sitting in church with her father suddenly felt ill. "Daddy," she whispered, "I have to throw up!" Her father told her to hurry to the restroom.

In less than two minutes the child was back. "I didn't have to go too far," she explained. "There's a box by the front door with a sign that says, 'For the sick.'"

Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

You don't love in your enemies what they are, but what you would have them to become. *St. Augustine*

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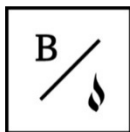
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	Mon 9/18	Tue 9/19	Wed 9/20	Thu 9/21	Fri 9/22	Sat 9/23	Sun 9/24
	Ileana Hotiu's birthday H. Father Eumenius of	Trophimus, Sabbatius &	James Walsh's birthday Abstinence Eustathius, his wife	Charles and Coleen Leavetaking of the Feast	Abstinence Hieromartyr Phocas of	Conception of St. John	1ST SUNDAY AFTER Great-martyr Thecla,
8am		Liturgy: +Fr. Michael Kirila 8am - 9am	Liturgy: H/S Vassa and +Anthony Delis-Parker 8am - 9am	Liturgy: H/S Ileana Hotiu - Happy Birthday! 8am - 9am	Liturgy: +Jason Mowery 8am - 9am		
9am							
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							Coffee: Grete and Dan Heatherly
12pm							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							Carpathian Men's Club Meeting 5:30pm - 7pm
7pm				Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							



SERBFEST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

12 noon - 8pm

Music ~ Food & Pastries ~ Dancing

Free Admission ~ Handicap Accessible

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